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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/22/03 and 12/20/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>1204</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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 DHIRU R PATEL
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Whittle on 12/20/04.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1 line 8, replace " a user" with -- the user--.

In claim 16 line 4, replace " a user" with -- the user--.

In claim 20 line 6, insert -- portable-- before "utility".

In claim 28 line 1, replace "portable utility power line pole" with -- method--.

In claim 30 line 1, replace "portable utility power line pole" with -- method--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-30 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of a portable utility power line pole comprising: a utility power line tool connector connected to the distal main body end and adapted to mount a utility power line tool for use in

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association with electrical power distribution lines; and an alignment indicator in the form of a visible line positioned on the outer main body surface in alignment with the utility power line tool connector to provide the user continuous visualization of said user selected orientation of the utility power line tool when mounted on the utility power line tool connector (for claims 1-6), a portable utility power line pole comprising:

an alignment indicator positioned on the outer first pole segment surface to visibly indicate to the user a radial position of the collapsible lock member when the at least portions of the first pole segment are positioned within the second pole segment and to assist the user in maintaining continuous alignment of the collapsible lock member with the second pole opening in the second pole segment during extension of the first pole segment from within the second pole segment to lock the first pole segment with the second pole segment when in the extended position (for claims 7-13), a portable utility power line pole comprising: an alignment indicator positioned on the outer pole segment surface of the first pole segment to visibly indicate to the user a radial position of the means for connecting the proximal first pole segment end to the distal second pole segment end when the at least portions of the first pole segment are positioned within the second pole segment and to assist the user in maintaining continuous alignment of the means for connecting the proximal first pole end to the distal second pole end during extension of the first pole segment from within the second pole segment to lock the first pole segment with the second pole segment when in the extended

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position (for claims 14-22), a portable utility power line pole comprising: a hook controller connected between the proximal end of the pole body and the hook member and responsive to the user of the portable utility power line pole to extend and to retract the hook member in a plane parallel with a plane passing between the alignment indicator and center of the utility power line pole body; and an alignment indicator positioned on the outer pole body surface and aligning with a user selected orientation of the hook member to provide the user continuous visualization of an orientation of the hook member when manipulating the portable utility power line pole at the proximal pole body end (for claims 23-26), and claims 27-28 are the counter part of product claim 7, and claims 29-30 are the counter part of product claims 1-2.

The previously listed limitations are neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Other prior art cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Baker, Myers, Wuertz, Flachbarth, Olson, Raasch, Hill, Fournier and Kar Fatt Low disclose a utility power pole similar to applicant's claimed invention.

Contact information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhiru Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1983.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

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